

Contact Gold Discovers Oxide Gold in Pilot Shale 1.2 km East of Mine Trend at Green Springs

Vancouver, British Columbia--(Newsfile Corp. - January 20, 2021) - **Contact Gold Corp. (the "Company" or "Contact Gold") (TSXV: C; OTCQB: CGOL)** is pleased to report results for 5 drill holes completed at the Golf Target, from the 2020 drill program at the Green Springs gold property ("Green Springs").

Key Points:

- **Drilling of oxide gold in the Pilot Shale at the Golf Zone represents a significant proof of concept and indicates the potential for gold mineralization in the Pilot Shale horizon which is interpreted to extend across much of the property**
- **Drilling at the Golf Zone has confirmed the presence of oxidized gold mineralization representing an exciting new target 1.2 km to the east of the Mine Trend**
- **Results are pending for 26 holes as of the date of this release, from the Alpha, Bravo, Charlie and Echo Zones**

Drill Highlights:

Golf Zone:

- **0.29 g/t Au over 4.57 metres** from a depth of 161 metres in hole GS20-11, **94% Cyanide recovery - Pilot Shale hosted**
- **0.83 g/t Au over 7.62 meters** from a depth of 1.52 metres, in hole GS20-10, **67% Cyanide recovery - Chainman shale hosted**
 - **Including: 1.17 g/t Au over 4.57 metres**

Drilling at the Golf Zone was designed to test the near surface intervals of Chainman Shale hosted gold mineralization intersected by a previous operator in 2017, and the Pilot Shale - Guilmette Limestone contact, known to host significant gold mineralization at Green Spring's Alpha, Echo, and Bravo Zones.

Drill hole **GS-2011** successfully intersected oxidized gold mineralization in the **Pilot Shale** with **0.29 g/t Au over 4.57 metres**. The presence of oxidized, Pilot Shale hosted gold mineralization at the Golf Zone marks a significant proof of concept for the exploration model at Green Springs, and potentially opens the Golf Zone for additional mineralization in the Pilot Shale. Drill intercepts in the Chainman Shale were well oxidized and on par with historic results from 2017.

The Golf Zone is located 1.2 km due East of the historical Charlie Pit, in an area of exposed Chainman Shale. Mineralization at Golf is associated with a large gold-in-soil geochemical anomaly, strong jasperoid development, and an apparent east-west oriented structural zone. Golf was originally drilled in 2017 by a previous operator, with drilling returning **1.0 g/t Au over 6.1 metres** in 2 closely spaced drill holes. Drilling by Contact Gold has confirmed the presence of gold mineralized Pilot Shale beneath Golf, representing an exciting new target 1.2 km to the east of the Mine Trend.

"While we were predominantly focused on the Pilot Shale target under the Mine Trend, we thought the target concept should work at other targets across the wider project area. Hitting gold in the Pilot Shale at Golf, some 1.2 km east of the Mine Trend, is hugely positive in both proving the concept and expanding the area in which that concept can be tested." stated Matt Lennox-King, CEO of Contact Gold. "These results continue to reinforce the untested blue-sky potential at Green Springs."

In the 2020 Green Springs program, 5,785 metres were completed in 10 core holes and 31 reverse circulation drill holes.

2020 Green Springs drill hole results from holes 9 through 13:

Drill Hole	Zone	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	Grade Au g/t	Oxidation
GS20-09	Golf					No significant intercepts
GS20-10	Golf	1.52	9.14	7.62	0.83	Oxide (67% CN Recovery)
<i>including</i>		3.05	7.62	4.57	1.17	Oxide (79% CN Recovery)
GS20-11	Golf	161.55	166.12	4.57	0.28	Oxide (94% CN Recovery)
GS20-12	Golf					No significant intercepts
GS20-13	Golf					No significant intercepts

For a detailed plan map of the Golf zone, please click:

http://www.contactgold.com/_resources/news/20210120-GS-Golf-Plan.jpg

For a section of the Golf zone, please click:

http://www.contactgold.com/_resources/news/20210120-golf-section.jpg

About the Green Springs Project:

Green Springs is located near the southern end of the Cortez Trend of Carlin-type gold deposits in White Pine County, Nevada, adjacent to Fiore Gold's Pan Mine and Gold Rock Project and Waterton's Mount Hamilton deposit. The Green Springs property is 18.5 km² encompassing 3 shallow past producing open pits and numerous targets that were not mined. Contact Gold's 2020 drill program started at the Echo Zone and has progressed through the Zulu, Charlie, Alpha, Bravo, Delta and Golf Zones.

Contact Gold signed a purchase option agreement with Ely Gold Royalties ("Ely Gold") to acquire an undivided 100% interest in Green Springs in July 2019. Green Springs is an early stage exploration property and does not contain any mineral resource estimates as defined by National Instrument 43-101, *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects* ("NI 43-101"). There has been insufficient exploration to define a mineral resource estimate at Green Springs. Additional information about Green Springs is summarized in the NI 43-101 Technical Report entitled "NI 43-101 Technical Report for the Green Springs Project, White Pine County, Nevada, USA" prepared for Contact Gold, with an effective date of June 12, 2020, and dated August 5, 2020, as prepared by John J. Read, C.P.G; an independent consultant and qualified person under NI 43-101, and can be viewed under Contact Gold's issuer profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

The scientific and technical information contained in this news release has been reviewed and approved by Vance Spalding, CPG, VP Exploration, Contact Gold, who is a "qualified person" within the meaning of NI 43-101. Drill intercepts were calculated using a minimum thickness of 3.05 metres averaging 0.14

ppm gold and allowing inclusion of up to 4.57 metres of material averaging less than 0.14 ppm gold for low grade intervals and higher grade intervals were calculated using a minimum thickness of 3.05 metres averaging 1.00 ppm gold and allowing inclusion of up to 4.57 metres of assays averaging less than 1.00 ppm gold. Gravimetric assays are used for all Fire Assays above 4.00 ppm gold. Cyanide solubility assays are completed on all Fire Assays greater than 0.1 g/t. True width of drilled mineralization is unknown, but owing to the apparent flat lying nature of mineralization, is estimated to generally be at least 70% of drilled thickness. The composited grades for comparison to the Bottle Roll assays are weighted averages of the amount of pulp used from individual 5 foot assays. Quality Assurance / Quality Control consists of regular insertion of certified reference standards, blanks, and duplicates. All failures are followed up and resolved whenever possible with additional investigation whenever such an event occurs. All assays are completed at Paragon; an ISO 17025:2005 accredited lab. Check assays are completed at a second, reputable assay lab after the program is complete.

About Contact Gold Corp.

Contact Gold is an exploration company focused on making district scale gold discoveries in Nevada. Contact Gold's extensive land holdings are on the prolific Carlin and Cortez gold trends which host numerous gold deposits and mines. Contact Gold's land position comprises approximately 140 km² of target rich mineral tenure hosting numerous known gold occurrences, ranging from early- to advanced- exploration and resource definition stage.

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